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SUBJECT: Standing Delegation Orders and Procedures for Tuberculosis Prevention and Control

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Attached are Standing Delegation Orders (SDO) and Procedures, to be used for patients who have not been medically seen or evaluated by a physician. Also, they serve as Standing Medical Orders (SMO) and Procedures, for patients who have been evaluated by a physician. These orders are to be used until revised by the program.

These SDO/SMO and Procedures are only models and are available as an electronic file for local and regional health departments that wish to modify them to improve service to their patients. Our only concern is that you stay within the guidelines established by the TB/HIV/STD Unit and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Division of Tuberculosis Elimination to assure each patient receives quality care.

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